candidates must be Mysoreans or graduates of the Mysore University. It must be admitted that all Mysoreans have the interest of the people of the State at heart. And if the candidates have not already passed in Kannada, they will have to pass a special test in that language.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—But Kannada as spoken in the villages is different from that spoken in the cities.

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—I did not know that.

**Litigation in Saklespur Sub-Division.**

*Q.*—27. Messrs. B. DEVAPPA GOWDA and B. K. SOME GOWDA (Manjarabad Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many cases have been entertained up till now since the Sub-Division Officer, Saklespur, was invested with magisterial powers;

(*b*) how many cases are pending now and how many adjournments have been given in some cases before they were decided?

*A.*—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. A. V. Ramanathan).—

(*a*) 658.

(*b*) 95 on 3rd May 1936.

Average number of adjournments in cases disposed of—

in 1933-34 was 4,
in 1934-35 was 5, and
in 1935-36 was 6.

Mr. B. DEVAPPA GOWDA.—When there are so many cases pending, is it right to give adjournments over and over again? Are there not cases in which adjournments have been given 15 to 20 times?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Please see the answer. The number for May 1936 is very much smaller. It shows that the pendency has been considerably reduced. And 15 adjournments are not too many in certain circumstances.

Mr. B. DEVAPPA GOWDA.—It is stated that 95 cases are pending. Is that also not a heavy number?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—I do not think so.

Mr. B. DEVAPPA GOWDA.—Cannot a full-time officer be appointed to preside over the court?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—The number of cases does not justify the appointment of a whole-time officer.

**Insurance Companies.**

*Q.*—28. Mr. P. BASAVE GOWDA (Arsikere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many Insurance Companies have been registered as per law and established in this State;

(*b*) how many unregistered Companies are working in the State through branch offices, agencies and organisers;

(*c*) (i) what is the total income from premium to indigenous and non-indigenous companies in this State;

(ii) do these companies pay to the State income-tax or any other tax; if so, what is the amount;

(*d*) has the Government taken any security as deposit to safeguard the interests of policy-holders;

(*e*) (i) has it come to the notice of Government that Mysoreans have sustained loss by taking policies from companies in the State which have guaranteed bonus for birth, death and auspicious occasions;

(ii) are there any rules on the subject affording safety to the public;

(*f*) (i) are the Government aware that there are rules requiring the State Insurance Companies working beyond the State and within British India to keep deposits;

(ii) are there any such rules in force in our State;

(*g*) are Government aware that the Baroda Government have framed a law requiring that every Insurance Company operating within the State should keep sufficient deposit with the Government?

*A.*—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Six. Besides these, 14 foreign Insurance Companies have filed the